

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a request from a web application comprising:

receiving the request by a server object;
generating a request object to manage processing of the request;
forwarding the request to a handler object by the request handler;
processing the request using the handler object, wherein processing the request using the handler object comprises sequentially invoking a first interior node handler object configured to process a portion of the request to generate a first partial result, and invoking a second interior node handler object configured to generate at least one selected from the group consisting of a second partial result and a result using the first partial result, wherein the second partial result is used to generate the result;
and
~~plurality of interior node handler objects, wherein each of the plurality of interior node handler objects processes a portion of the request to obtain a partial result; and~~
storing the first and second partial result in a properties object.

28. (Currently Amended) A framework for processing a request from a web application comprising:

a request object configured to manage processing of the request;
a handler object configured to perform the request using the request object by sequentially invoking a first interior node handler object configured to process a portion of the request to generate a first partial result, and invoking a second interior node handler object configured to generate at least one selected from the group consisting of a second partial result and a result using the first partial result, wherein the second partial result is used to generate the result; and
~~plurality of interior node handler objects, wherein each of the plurality of interior node handler objects processes a portion of the request to obtain a partial result;~~

a server object configured to receive the request and initialize the request object and the handler object; and

a properties object configured to provide information to the server object to initialize the request object and the handler object, and configured to store the first and second partial result.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the properties object is further configured to provide information to the server object, wherein the server object is configured to initialize the request object and the handler object.

30. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

calling a response method of a second handler object in formulating the response.

31. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the handler object obtains content from a server, and wherein the handler object extracts relevant information from the content, and reformats the content according to a template.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the handler object is called on to respond to a request embodied in the request object.

33. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the first and the second interior node handler object exchange information via the properties object.

34. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the first interior node handler object and the second interior node handle object are configured to modify the properties object and respond to the request based on the properties object.

35. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

formulating a response to the request.

36. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the server object is configured to call an initialization method of the handler object, wherein the handler object is associated with a handler object name.

37. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the handler object is configured to instantiate a second handler object.

38. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the handler object is configured to modify the properties object to obtain a modified request object.

39. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the request object is configured to obtain and parse the request.

40. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the request object comprises information related to the request.

41. (New) The framework of claim 28, wherein the properties object comprises a name value pair.